

## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph on page 5, lines 19-23 as follows:

(i) the proteases derived from *Bacillus* sp. NCIMB 40484, *Bacillus alcalophilus* NCIMB 10438; *Fusarium oxysporum* IFO 4471; *Paecilomyces lilacinus* CBS 102449, ~~*Aspergillus* sp. CBS 102448~~, *Acremonium chrysogenum* ATCC 48272, and *Acremonium kiliense* ATCC 20338;

Please amend the paragraph on page 6, lines 22-28 as follows:

Further examples of microorganisms are fungi, such as yeast or filamentous fungi, e.g. chosen from the genera *Paecilomyces*, e.g. *Paecilomyces lilacinus* CBS 102449, *Aspergillus*, ~~e.g. *Aspergillus* sp. CBS 102448~~, *Acremonium*, e.g. *Acremonium chrysogenum* ATCC 48272, *Acremonium kiliense* ATCC 20338, or *Fusarium*, e.g. *Fusarium oxysporum* IFO 4471; or mutants or variants thereof exhibiting protease activity.

Please delete lines 16 and 17 of page 37.

Please amend the table on page 41, lines 13-14 as follows:

Protease, subtilisin from	FITC /(+/ -20000)
<i>Bacillus alcalophilus</i> NCIMB 10438	81300
<i>Fusarium oxysporum</i> IFO 4471	102200
<i>Paecilomyces lilacinus</i> CBS 102449	98700
<del><i>Aspergillus</i> sp. CBS 102448</del>	<del>123400</del>
<i>Acremonium chrysogenum</i> ATCC 48272	89600
<i>Acremonium kiliense</i> ATCC 20338	94600
Protease I	-9200
Protease II	-1200

**AMENDMENTS TO THE FIGURES:**

Please replace the originally-filed figures with the attached figures (six sheets).